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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 172-1000 Total Pages 59
First Inventor or Application Identifier Mullen, et al.
Title A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING AN
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT COVER
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

ADDRESS TO:

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☒ Specification Total Pages 34
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

3. ☒ Drawings (35 USC 113) Total Sheets 13

4. Oath or Declaration Total Pages 3

a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)

b. ☐ Copy from a prior application
(37 CFR 1.63(d))

(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)

i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting
inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

6. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

- a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
- b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
- c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

8. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☒ Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney

9. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

10. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 IDS Citations

11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

13. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

☐ Statement filed in Prior Application,
Status still proper and desired.

14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

15. ☒ Request & Certification Under 35 U.S.C.
122(b)(2)(B)(i)

16. ☐ Other

16. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No:

Prior Application Information: Examiner

Group / Art Unit:

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4B, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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Application Number	Complete if Known
Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	Mullen, et al.
Group Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	1726.7221000

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☐ Charge the Issue Fee Set in 37 CFR 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance
☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 710 201 355		Utility filing fee	710.00
106 320 206 160		Design filing fee	
107 490 207 245		Plant filing fee	
108 710 208 355		Reissue filing fee	
114 150 214 75		Provisional filing fee	

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2. CLAIMS

Claims	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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Multiple Dep.			

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description
103 18 203 9		Claims in excess of 20
102 80 202 40		Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270 204 135		Multiple dependent claim
109 80 209 40		Reissue Independent claims over original patent
110 18 210 9		Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 458.00

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105 130 205 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50 227 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130 139 130		Non-English specification	
147 2,520 147 2,520		For filing a request for reexamination	
112 920* 112 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840* 113 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110 215 55		Extension for reply within first month	
116 390 216 195		Extension for reply within second month	
117 890 217 445		Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,390 218 645		Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,890 228 945		Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 310 219 155		Notice of Appeal	
120 310 220 1550		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 270 221 135		Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510 138 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110 240 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,240 241 620		Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,240 242 620		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 440 243 220		Design issue fee	
144 600 244 300		Plant issue fee	
122 130 122 130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50 123 50		Petitions related to provisional applications	
126 240 126 240		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt.	
581 40 581 40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00
146 710 246 355		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149 710 249 355		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mullen, et al.

Examiner:

Serial No:

Art Group:

Filing Date:

Docket No: 1726.7221000

Title: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING AN INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT COVER

To the Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

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- ☒ A specification and drawings for a new patent application;
- ☒ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☒ Transmittal cover letter;
- ☒ Fee Transmittal;
- ☒ Assignment agreement with Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
- ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- ☐ Statement of Small Entity Status;
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; and
- ☒ Return upon receipt post card.

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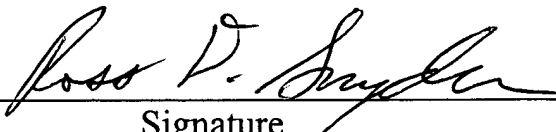
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REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)	First Named Inventor	Donald R. Mullen
	Title	A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT COVER
	Atty Docket Number	1726.7221000

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b).

31 August 2001

Date


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